

**REMARKS**

The above amendments and following remarks are responsive to all the points of rejections raised by the Examiner in the Office Action dated April 22, 2003. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-7, 9-19, 21-30, 32-42, 47-55, and 59-59 will have been canceled and claims 43-46, 56 and 57 will be all the claims pending in the application. No new issues have been introduced by the Amendment. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 47-53, 58 and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,767,085, hereafter Yamamoto). Claims 1-3, 5-7, 37-42, 54 and 55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(e) as unpatentable over Bloomfield (U.S. Patent No. 6,025,931) in view of Adler et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,256,115, hereafter Adler). Claims 4 and 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Bloomfield in view of Adler and further in view of Toyoda et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,812,278, hereafter Toyoda). Claims 13-19, 21-30 and 32-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Toyoda in view of Adler.

Claims 43-46, 56 and 57 are allowed.

In response to the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has herein canceled all rejected claims 1-7, 9-19, 21-30, 32-42, 47-55, and 59-59 without prejudice. The remaining claims 43-46 and 56-57 are allowed. Therefore, all the rejections are overcome and the application is believed to be in condition of allowance without further comments.

**AUTHORIZATION**

No fee is due by filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4458.

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